Academic honors

Bronze Tablet
The Bronze Tablet in the Library honors students who demonstrate consistent academic excellence by maintaining at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average (out of 4.0), and rank in the top three percent of their college graduating class by GPA.

Chancellor's Scholars
The Campus Honors Program fosters close collaboration between exceptional students and distinguished faculty. Only one hundred of the more than five thousand freshmen entering the University every year are admitted to the program. Graduates who complete the program requirements are designated Chancellor's Scholars.

Departmental distinction
Departments choose their own criteria for distinction (typically including a thesis), and may designate two levels (distinction/high distinction) or three levels (distinction/high distinction/highest distinction) of honor.

James Scholars
Freshmen in the top fifteen percent of their entering class are invited into the the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences's Edmund J. James Scholar Program, which allows them to pursue more rigorous studies working closely with faculty members. Qualifying sophomores and transfer students may apply for admission. To remain a James Scholar, students must keep a 3.5 grade point average and take at least two honors courses each academic year.

Phi Beta Kappa
Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest and most distinguished honors society in the liberal arts and sciences. Juniors in the top one percent of their class in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and seniors in the top seven percent, are eligible for initiation. They must also meet the national PBK standards for breadth and depth of study in the liberal arts.

Academic regalia

Universities in the United States use academic dress derived from that used by the British universities of Oxford and Cambridge, which modeled their regalia on academic and clerical dress common in medieval European universities.

Gowns
The bachelor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves. Sleeves on the master's gown are oblong, cut square at the rear, with a closed arc at the front and a slit for the wrist opening. Bachelor's gowns are designed to be worn closed, but master's gowns may be worn open or closed. Both are untrimmed and usually black, although some schools (like the University of Illinois) use gowns in the school's colors.

Doctoral gowns are almost always black, although again, some schools like the University of Illinois use gowns in the school's colors. They have full sleeves trimmed with three velvet bands, and there is velvet facing running down the front of the gown. The velvet is either black or the color designated for the field of study in which the doctorate was earned (for the Doctor of Philosophy, or PhD, always dark blue). They may be worn open or closed.

Hoods
Hoods are lined with the colors of the school where the degree was taken. Master's hoods are three-and-a-half feet long with velvet trim three inches wide, while doctoral hoods are four feet long with velvet trim five inches wide. (Bachelor's students at the University of Illinois do not wear hoods.) The velvet panels trimming the sides of the doctoral hood lie flat across the back of the gown.

The color of the velvet reflects the field in which the wearer earned his or her degree (again, always dark blue for the PhD).

Caps
Women and men wear caps both outdoors and indoors for most ceremonies. Bachelor's students always wear the square mortarboard. They typically wear their tassels on the right at the start of the commencement ceremony, and move them to the left upon graduating. For master's and doctoral students, the tassel starts and stays on the left.

Some doctoral students and degree holders wear an eight-sided cap, or a velvet tam, instead of a mortarboard.

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Greeting from the college Dean Barbara Hancin-Bhatt, LAS
Presentation of degree candidates
Convocation speaker Mitchell R. Paglia, PS
Alma Mater
Recognition of degree candidates
Recessional

Participating faculty and officials

Scott Althaus (PS)
William Bernhard (PS)
Jill Capes (GS)
Paul Diehl (PS)
Donald Greco (PS)
Barbara Hancin-Bhatt (LAS)
Laura Hastings (PS)
Joseph Hinchliffe (PS)
Carol Leff (PS)
Kristine McCoskey (IPS)
Maurice Meilleur (PS)
Cory Ohms (IPS)
Sebnem Ozkan (EUS)
Robert Pahre (PS)
Matthew Rosenstein (EUS)
Laura Russ (GS)
Richard Tempest (REES)
John Vasquez (PS)
Tim Wedig (GS)

College and university academic honors

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Joy H. Lin (GS)
Sarah Martini (PS)
April A. Nwatah (GS)
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Lorita L. Ivanova (PS)
Andrew T. Lambert (IPS)
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Ian R. Williams (PS)

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Hey Mann Paloma Lau (PS)
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Meghan R. Martin (GS)
Karolina Maslanka (GS)
Alyssa M. Miller (GS)
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Matthew Quinn (PS)
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Stanley E. Richards (PS)
Ryan D. Richardson (PS)
Nissa Romanowski (IS)
Courtney D. Ross (PS)
Kara N. Ryan (PS)
Bianca C. Serrato (IS)
Sheila Skulborstad (PS)
David Sons (PS)
Eric M. Verdeyen (PS/GS)
Maggie Wave (PS)
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Tsz Wai Sammi Wong (IS)
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Nicholas Nowak
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Daniel Castro
Helen Celewicz
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Christopher A. Cole
Jillian C. Cole
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Paige A. Epstein
Collin Groebe
Carolyn E. Lang
Erica Johanna Mazzotti

Political Science / PhD
Andrew P. Oswiak

Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies / MA
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